MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT, on March 22, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)

Sen. John Cobb (R)

Sen. Mike Cooney (D)

Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)

Sen. Bob Hawks (D)

Sen. Rick Laible (R)

Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)

Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Sen. Greg Lind (D)

Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)

Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Keith Bales (R)

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary

Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 96, 3/20/2007; HB 811,

3/20/2007; HB 214, 3/20/2007

Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:39 **REP. KRAYTON KERNS (R), HD 58,** opened the hearing on **HB 96,** Fund veteran cemetery maintenance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:36 Dan Antonietti, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:03:06 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran's Affairs Administrator

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:21 Sen. Laible to Rep. Kerns

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:27 Rep. Kerns

HEARING ON HB 811

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:59 **REP. JACK WELLS (R), HD 69,** opened the hearing on **HB 811,** Traditional arts and crafts state special revenue account.

<u>Proponents' Testimony</u>:

00:09:03 Carleen Layne, Montana Arts Council

00:09:57 Chuck Hunter, Montana Cultural Advocacy

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:10:36 Joe Maurier, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:16	Sen.	Weinberg to Carleen Layne
00:16:55	Sen.	Laible to Joe Maurier
00:20:25	Sen.	Barkus to Joe Maurier
00:22:30	Sen.	Barkus to Carleen Layne
00:24:29	Sen.	Tropila to Carleen Layne
00:25:27	Sen.	Laible to Carleen Layne
00:27:04	Sen.	Laible to Joe Maurier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:37 Sen. Wells

CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON HB 214

<u>Informational Testimony</u>:

00:29:29	Shirley Brown,	Division Ad	mir	nistrato	or, Chi	ld ar	nd
Family	Services,	Department	of	Public	Health	and	Human
	Services						

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:33	Sen.	Laible	to	Shirley	Brown
00:36:07	Sen.	Barkus	to	Shirley	Brown
00:39:21	Sen.	Weinber	g t	to Shirle	ey Brown

00:41:29 Sen. Laible to Shirley Brown

Closing by Sponsor: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:50 A.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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